



**Livestock and Seed Program
Audit, Review, and Compliance Branch
Quality System Audit Report**

AUDIT INFORMATION

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| Applicant Name: | Pennsylvania Certified Organic |
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| Auditor(s): | Martin Friesenhahn |
| Program: | USDA National Organic Program (NOP) |
| Audit Date(s): | October 1, 2007 |
| Audit Identifier: | NP7039BBA |
| Action Required: | No |
| Audit Type: | Corrective Action Audit |
| Audit Objective: | To verify that corrective actions adequately address the non-compliance from the Surveillance-Accreditation Renewal Audit. |
| Audit Criteria: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 CFR Part 205 National Organic Program, Final Rule, dated December 21, 2000; Updated September 11, 2006 |
| Audit Scope: | The company's submitted corrective actions. |
| Location(s) Audited: | Desk |

Pennsylvania Certified Organic (PCO) submitted corrective actions to the NOP on September 13, 2007, addressing the non-compliance from the accreditation renewal audit conducted June 26-28, 2007. The corrective actions were requested August 17, 2007 by the NOP and received by the auditor on September 21, 2007.

FINDINGS

The corrective actions submitted by PCO adequately addressed the non-compliance from the accreditation renewal audit.

NP7039BBA.NC1 – Adequately Addressed - NOP §205.404(b)(2) Granting certification and NOP§205.406(d) Continuation of certification requires the certifying agent must issue a certificate of organic operation which specifies the effective date of certification; and if the certifying agent determines that any of the information specified on the certificate of organic operation has changed, the certifying agent must issue an updated certificate of organic operation pursuant to §205.404(b). *Upon updating the*



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*certificate, the effective date was changed to the revision date. Therefore the effective date listed on the PCO certificates were not when the client was first certified to the NOP (as required by the NOP) but when the certificate was updated. **Corrective Action:** PCO has revised their work procedure (9/10/07) for issuing an updated certificate. The effective date for when the client was first certified to the NOP will now remain on the certificate and the revised date of the certificate will be listed. An example of the revised certificate and procedure was submitted with the corrective actions. PCO also mentioned that corrected certificates will be issued to all existing clients by December 31, 2007.*